



China as (practically) perfectly free to "pay any tax she pleases on Indian opium," "which is in fact at her mercy." Their regards the people of India. Their "national conscience," as the *Times* points out, is not offended by their state in the trade on the other hand they do consider themselves very seriously overtaxed, and are quite unprepared to pay further taxes in payment of those paid for them by the Chinese opium broker. The sole element to consider is the national conscience of England. Far from it from us to desert this in any way; better that it should hurry us into heinous mistakes, legislation than that it should allow it to be dulled and blunted. There is no question; and we should all rejoice in the fact, that the national conscience has grown, is growing, more tender. A century and a half ago a proposal to all slaves would have been met with derision. Fifty years later a bare majority in the Commons consented to abolish, not slavery, the slave trade; another forty years the country agreed to spend twenty millions sterling for the purpose of freeing all British-owned slaves. Could it be shown that opium traffic should on the same footing be given nothing of course should be allowed to stand in the way of its abolition—also provided that we bore the burden ourselves and did not try it upon others. But cannot be so shown. It is necessary to say that India is poisoning China, it is as

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king of Siam to visit the country. "I took the invitation and have just returned from Bangkok after a short stop of five days on the way." During my stay I saw a great deal of the country, one of the most interesting I have ever visited. The country is rapidly getting better rapidly. They are introducing western manners and western as rapidly as the country will take them, and, in fact, at the same time, not to introduce any more, but to have tried and proved. Their Majesty and the royal princes are alive to the importance of western improvements and have shown themselves in accepting them in the same manner as they are going forward with caution. They are willing to undertake any western plan that seems to advance the country, but everything weighed well, before it is accepted. If the reform were to accept all the schemes it offered them they would very soon find themselves overwhelmed with debt and difficulties. The natives are gradually growing to understand and appreciate the improvement that are made, and at the present time offer no objection to them.

"The country itself is one of the greatest I have seen. It is covered of great mountains, while it has all the qualities required for agricultural industry. Although it is mineral in it by no means plentiful, at present the country is not so rich in minerals as they are going in for an extensive agriculture, irrigation which is bringing valuable tracts of a fit state for cultivation. The real wealth of the country lies in the agricultural products. Rice is produced on a large scale both for consumption and for export, and it is of good quality. The country is also well adapted for the growth of sugar and cotton. Both are grown, but principally for home consumption, rather than for export. There are, of course, the rubber exports, it almost all of the world, makes a considerable sum from the sale of the rubber. The rubber is found in great quantities in the hills and

defect named this certainly scored a distinct success. *Young Marlowe* is one of Mr. Bellevue's best characters, and he played it easily and gracefully the early scene where he is overcome with remorse at finding himself left to confront the murderer. He was greatly hampered by the weakness in the later scene he was equally weak. In no voice, in manner, and in body was throughout inimitable.

The performance concluded with some scenes of "Macbeth." The same group were in the review of *Lady Macbeth* with her husband, and his meeting with the witches, and the scene which, after the arrival of Duncan, she speaks to him. "Macbeth" seems now to have been, but through an unfortunate mistake the husband was dropped after the second scene, and before the mistake could be rectified, the audience, judging the performance over, left the seats. As *Lady Macbeth* Mrs. Foster was her best part. It is difficult to say whether in her other opinions at the time, she parts with her there can be but one as to Mrs. Foster's *Macbeth*—it was a revelation of tragic power which seeing her only in lighter parts we were given credit for. From beginning to end she was a most finished performance, which placed her performer in high rank as an exponent of the part. Mr. Bellevue's *Macbeth* was no worse than expected to be, and on a basis of not only less, but of high praise. It is a pity we have regretted that the murder scene fell far short of for in that scene we would have been afforded opportunity of judging of Mr. Bellevue's *Macbeth*.

To-night Mrs. Foster and Mr. Bellevue played their farewell performance. The program will be comprised of a few selected scenes of professional actors, to be followed by a dramatic play.

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Mr. Cui, the Chinese Customs Commissioner, only 21 tons a ton, and the carrying from Shensi to Nauguan is 30 days; at 13c. a day per ton, would be only 213 a ton; the gross cost of carrying Canton to Mangtun would therefore be a ton or 18c. a ton less than the cost for long on Tungku to the same place.

**TRADE DUES INVOLVED UNDER THE TREATY.**

In article 23 of the treaty the trade dues were fixed by the following paragraph:

"But still be at the option of any subject, desiring to convey produce to inland ports, to clear, his goods and all transit duties, by payment of a single amount of the charge shall be in support of the first barrier they may pass, on imports, the port of origin being landed, and of payment thereof no shall besides, which shall exempt them from all further inland charges whatever is further agreed that, as early as possible, 5 per cent, of value, and the fixed for each article at the conference held at Shanghai for the revision of the treaty."

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